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In re the application of

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENABLING CUSTOMER ELECTION OF AUXILIARY CONTENT PROVIDED ON A DETACHABLE LOCAL STORAGE MEDIA DURING ACCESS OF PRIMARY CONTENT OVER A NETWORK AND FOR COLLECTING DATA CONCERNING VIEWED AUXILIARY CONTENT

DECLARATION OF ANDREW JAMES HOUSE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Andrew James House, a co-inventor in the above-identified application, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am familiar with the subject matter described in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/452,811 and participated in the conception and reduction to practice of a portion the invention described in the present application.

2. I am a co-inventor of certain subject matter set forth in claims 27-41 of the present application, as added in the Preliminary Amendment submitted on April 6, 2001, and in particular my contribution involved technical content directed to assessing a fee when viewing content as set forth in these claims.

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3. The subject matter of claims 27-41, although discussed in the present specification, was not specifically claimed at the time of filing the present application. However, upon further consideration, it was decided that the subject matter relating to assessing a fee is also deserving of patent protection.

4. Therefore, the addition of myself as an inventor in the present application was necessitated by an amendment to the claims and the inventorship error occurred without deceptive intent on my part.

5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

By



Andrew James House

Date:

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